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	10/583,721	SCHMALZ ET AL.	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 9/14/2011.
2. An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Paper No./Mail Date <u>9/14/2011</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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/Nancy Bitar/
Examiner, Art Unit 2624

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 9/14/2011.is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered in full by the examiner. A copy of the IDS signed by the examiner is being attached to this Office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. After reviewing the remarks made by the Applicant in response to the non-final office action the Examiner finds the remarks to be persuasive. The combination of cited references Jones et al (US 2003/0132281) , Murata et al (JP 2001-157044), Pernot et al (EP 1255232) do not teach or suggest the features of claim or the newly added features. No other found prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests the combination of claimed elements wherein:

checking the bank notes with comparative data stored by the bank note processing machine and derived from authentic bank notes and known forgeries, wherein the comparative data is produced by capturing features selected from the group consisting of printing inks with special optical and/or magnetic properties, metallic or magnetic security threads, paper used for the bank notes being free of brighteners, information contained in an electrical circuit, bank note size, printing pattern, colors, optical appearance, and combinations thereof; and using additional comparative data for new types of forgeries, which are not recognized based on the comparative data derived from authentic bank notes and known forgeries;

wherein the bank notes to be checked are compared with both the comparative data and the additional comparative data for new types of forgeries so as to determine whether a forged bank note is present

The Examiner finds no reason or motivation to combine the above references in an obviousness rejection thus placing the application in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted on later than the payment of the issue fee and to avoid processing delays should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled, comments on statement of reasons for allowance.

Claims 1-8 are allowed (see Notice of Allowance mailed 8/5/2011).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NANCY BITAR whose telephone number is (571)270-1041. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (7:30a.m. to 5:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vikkram Bali can be reached on 571-272-7415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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